

III. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 20, and 21 are amended and new claim 22 is presented for consideration. Claims 12, and 14-22 are presented for allowance.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 12 and 14-19 are allowed. Claims 20 and 21 are objected to.

Applicant submits that the objections to claims 20 and 21 are remedied by the above amendments. The amendments fully comply with the suggestions made by the Examiner. New claim 22 is presented having similar structure to claim 18 in a different format. Applicant submits that the subject matter of new claim 22 is consistent with the statement of allowable subject matter as contained in the subject office action.

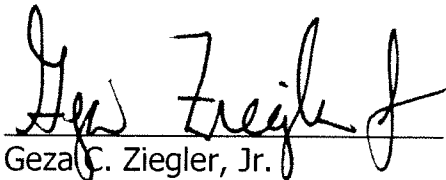
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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Respectfully submitted,



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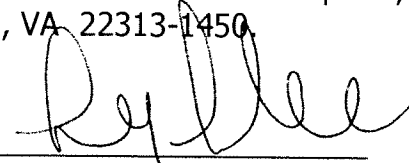
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